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1. INDOCHINA

YIELDING TO VETO THREAT, SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE TONES

DOWN RESTRICTIVE AMENDMENTS IN CONTINUING RESOLUTION

ALLOWING FOREIGN AID TO CONTINUE, BASICALLY AT LAST

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YEAR'S RATE. HOWEVER,CUTOFF ACCEPTED ON FERTILIZER

TO SVN AT 85 MILLION DOLS LEVEL ALREADY SHIPPED (AP, PHINQ). WSJ SAYS HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES GAVE PRES. "ANOTHER VICTORY" IN EFFORT TO WIN FOREIGN-AID CONTINUATION WITHOUT NEW RESTRICTIONS. ONLY MAJOR LIMITATION LEFT IS CUTBACK IN FERTILIZER FOR SVN. CONFERENCE AGREEMENT STILL MUST BE RATIFIED BY FULL HOUSE AND SENATE, AND LATTER COULD BALK AT SUCH A "CLEAR DEFEAT".

RICH (WH)SEES HAK AND WH LOBBYISTS "SKILLFULLY" WIPING OUT IN CONFERENCE "THINGS THEY DIDN'T LIKE" IN CONTINUING RESOLUTION. BUT CONFERENCE SET MIL AID FIGURE AT 550 MILLION DOLS; ELIMINATED SPECIAL "DRAWDOWN" OF 250 MILLION FOR WEAPONS TO CAMBODIA, MEANING MIL AID TO GKR WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE 550 MILLION TOTAL; AND RETAINED LIMITATION ON FERTILIZER TO SVN TO ALLOW OTHER NATIONS TO RECEIVE SOME. NYT'S GELB REVIEWS TORTURED HISTORY OF FOREIGN AID BILL, PREDICTS FINAL HOUSE AND SENATE

APPROVAL OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

SVN STUDENT PILOT KILLED IN CRASH OF JET TRAINER NEAR SHEPPARD AFB, TEXAS. CAUSE BEING INVESTIGATED (UPI, NYDN).

GKR MIL COMMAND SAYS ITS TROOPS PUSH INSURGENTS THREATENING KOMPONG CHHNANG BACK TWO MILES MORE, KILLING 30 (AP, WP).

VATICAN GIVES PROMINENCE TO REMARKS OF HANOI BISHOP AT ROME SYNOD THAT CATHOLIC CHURCH IS FLOURISHING IN NVN. NORTH VIET PRELATE IS FIRST FROM THERE TO ATTEND OFFICIAL VATICAN MEETING IN DECADES, DREW WARM APPLAUSE FROM SYNOD, SPOKE OF "HUGE AND JOYFUL" CONGREGATIONS IN NVN DESPITE HAVING ONLY 300 PRIESTS FOR ONE MILLION CATHOLICS. BISHOP'S ACCOUNT CONTAINED NO INDICATION OF PERSECUTION BY AUTHORITIES (AP, SUN).

CSM (10/3) CARRIES FINANCIAL TIMES SERVICE ARTICLE ON MEKONG SCHEME. THIRTY YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR SIX LARGE DAMS ACROSS MAIN STREAM AND 68 SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS AT COST OF 14 BILLION DOLS, BUT LITTLE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTATION THAT SCHEME WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TIME FRAME. SO FAR ONLY EIGHT SMALL PROJECTS ON TRIBUTARIES COMPLETED AND WORK ON FIRST MAIN STREAM DAM, TEN MILES ABOVE VIENTIANE, NOT EXPECTED TO START UNTIL 1976. OBVIOUS ANSWER TO WHY SO LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR IS WARFARE IN LOWER MEKONG COUNTRIES AND THAI INSURGENCY NEAR RIVER. IN ADDITION, ALLEGATIONS MADE ON BASIS OF ASWAN EXPERIENCE THAT DAMS COULD WITHHOLD

SILT THAT FERTILIZES DOWNSTREAM LAND AND PROVIDES IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN FOOD CHAIN FOR FISH. OTHER PROBLEMS INVOLVE POSSIBILITY THAT IRRIGATION MIGHT RAISE SALT TABLES AND BLIGHT CROPS IN NE THAILAND, AND DROWNING OF GOOD FARM LAND WITH FORCED RELOCATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. BUT SCHEME SEEMS JUSTIFIABLE UNDER COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND FUNDS WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE SINCE GOOD RETURN TO INVESTORS INDICATED AND HYDROELECTRIC POTENTIAL IS "PHENOMENAL."

2. CHINA

LAT'S SHANNON (10/3) FINDS THAT CHIAO KUAN-HUA, IN UNGA SPEECH, STATED IN GREATER DETAIL THAN IN PAST PRC'S WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN WDC -- IF AIM IS COMPLETE PROHIBITION AND DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR, NOT MERELY STRATEGIC ARMS, AND IF AS PRECONDITIONS TO CONFERENCE ALL NUCLEAR POWERS PLEDGE NEVER TO USE NUKES IN FIRST

STRIKE, TO WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS STATIONED OUTSIDE THEIR OWN TERRITORIES AND DISMANTLE ALL MILITARY BASES ABROAD. SHANNON OBSERVES THAT INDIA APPEARED AS NEW TARGET FOR CHINESE WRATH IN CHIAO'S DENUNCIATION OF ANNEXATION OF SIKKIM.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, CITES CHOU EN-LAI'S CONTINUING HOSPITALIZATION AND SUGGESTS DIMENSIONS OF SUCCESSION PROBLEM WERE THROWN INTO EVEN SHARPER RELIEF WHEN MAO FAILED AGAIN TO MAKE EVEN SYMBOLIC APPEARANCE IN HISTORIC 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (CSM).

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NYT HAS PHOTO (NCNA VIA UPI) OF LI TEH-SHENG ATTENDING PRC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN SHENGYANG TUESDAY; NOTES LI HAD NOT BEEN SEEN PUBLICLY FOR MANY MONTHS. BURNS (CSM) SAYS INITIAL EXAMINATION OF PEKING RECEPTION GUEST LIST INDICATES IT INCLUDES LARGEST NUMBER OF REHABILITATED OFFICIALS TO SURFACE ON SINGLE OCCASION SINCE GPCR PURGE VICTIMS BEGAN REAPPEARING. WHILE NEW LIST INCLUDES PEOPLE FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE, FOCUS OF ATTENTION IS BOUND TO FALL ON TWO GROUPS -- MILITARY MEN PURGED FOR ALLEGED ULTRA-LEFTIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST OFFICER CORPS, AND ASSORTMENT OF FIGURES ONCE PROMINENT IN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LIFE WHO FELL AFOUL RED GUARDS IN EARLY STAGES OF UPHEAVAL (CSM).

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS W. GERMAN CDU LEADER HAS SAID

PRC LEADERS FULLY AGREED WITH HIS VIEW THAT US TROOPS MUST STAY IN W. EUROPE (CSM 10/3).

TENG HSIAO-PING TELLS VISITING CANADIAN JOURNALISTS PRC IS EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN 1976 OLYMPICS, BUT ONLY IF IOC EXPELS ROC AND ACCEPTS PEKING TEAM AS SOLE CHINA REP. BURNS (IN CSM) NOTES CHINESE ATHLETES DO NOT FARE SO WELL IN TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS; BUT PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES PEKING "CAN DEVELOP WORLD-BEATING SPORTS TEAMS FAR FASTER THAN MOST COUNTRIES."

SWISSAIR INTENDS TO START SCHEDULED DC-8 SERVICES NEXT APRIL TO PEKING AND SHANGHAI (JOC).

3. KOREA

ADDRESSING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, PARK SAID NK WILL STEP UP PROVOCATIONS, MAKING NEXT 4-5 YEARS CRITICAL PERIOD IN RELATIONS BETWEEN KOREAS (REUTER SEOUL).

4. JAPAN

GOJ OFFICIALS INDICATE JAPAN IS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH HAK'S SUGGESTION THAT MAJOR OIL CONSUMING NATIONS CUT PETROLEUM IMPORTS IN EFFORT TO BREAK HIGH ARAB PRICES, NYT'S HALLORAN REPORTS. BUT OFFICIALS INDICATED CUTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE AFFECTED BY FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL, GOVT PERSUASION AND IMPACT OF HIGH PRICES, NOT BY QUOTAS OR LEGISLATION; THEY ALSO INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY.

IN PRESS CONFERENCE, SUMITOMO PRES. SAID JAPAN'S RAMPANT INFLATION IS THREATENING HER EXISTENCE AS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWER, WHILE AT SAME TIME RECESSION IS REACHING VERY SERIOUS STAGE (JOC'S FULLER).

TOYOTA ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPANY IN CARSON, CALIFORNIA FOR SALE AND SERVICE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL LIFT TRUCKS IN US (JOC). BANK OF CALIFORNIA HAS OPENED BRANCH OFFICE IN TOKYO, ACCORDING BANK OFFICIAL (JOC).

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS JAPAN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAVE ALSO BEGUN AFFECTING WESTERN BUSINESS AND FOREIGN RESIDENTS. NOTES ONE BIG US ELECTRONICS FIRM HAS SHARPLY CUT SIZE OF ITS JAPANESE OPERATION AND OPENED NEW ROC BRANCH, INSTEAD; REP OF LARGE UK SECURITIES FIRM WAS RECENTLY SENT HOME AND REPLACED BY LOWER-PAID JAPANESE BROKER; US NEWS MAGAZINE HAS BEEN WITHOUT

AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO FOR MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS; AND CORRESPONDENT FOR THREE MAJOR AUSSIE PAPERS HAS BEEN TOLD TO CLOSE OFFICE AND RETURN HOME BECAUSE PAPER CAN NO LONGER KEEP UP WITH SOARING TOKYO INFLATION. NOW HARD TO FIND MIDDLE-CLASS APARTMENT OR HOUSE IN TOKYO FOR LESS THAN 1,000 DOLS MONTHLY, AND CITES DOS COST-OF-LIVING INDEX THAT AVERAGE TOKYO PRICES FOR FOOD AND HOUSING ARE 60 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IN WASHINGTON YEAR AGO; AND SINCE THEN, GAP HAS INCREASED.

CDN'S GIVEN, IN TOKYO, NOTES OPENING OF TOKYO-PEKING AIR LINK AND MUSHROOMING SINO-JAPAN TRADE. SAYS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO JAPANESE IS CHINA'S POTENTIAL FOR BECOMING MAJOR SOURCE OF PETROLEUM, WITH LIKELIHOOD CHINESE WILL USE AT LEAST SOME OF NEWLY-ACQUIRED OIL MONEY TO PURCHASE MORE JAPANESE GOODS AND TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACTS PROBABLY WILL REMAIN FAIRLY RESTRICTED OVER NEAR FUTURE. CHINESE HAVE SHOWN NO IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN DEVELOPING TOURIST TRADE, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND JAL SAYS IT EXPECTS TWICE-WEEKLY FLIGHTS WILL USUALLY FLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD FULL FOR SOME TIME TO COME. THUS, JAPANESE MAKING PEKING FLIGHT WILL BE MOSTLY BUREAUCRATS OR BUSINESSMEN ON SPECIAL TRADING MISSIONS. ADDS THAT JAL "PAID DEARLY" TO GET PEKING ROUTE, HAVING TO SEVER AIR PACT WITH ROC (OCT. 1).

GIVEN, IN SEPARATE DISPATCH, REPORTS SPOKESMAN FOR SATO SAYING MONDAY THAT FORMER PREMIER HAS NOT ELIMINATED POSSIBILITY OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PROF. JEROME COHEN FOR ALLEGEDLY SLANDERING HIM IN WASHINGTON SPEECH TWO WEEKS AGO. COHEN REPORTEDLY TOLD NATIONAL (SIC) PRESS CLUB AUDIENCE SEPT. 14 THAT SATO, HIS BROTHER KISHI AND TANAKA, ARE ALL RUMORED IN TOKYO TO HAVE ACCUMULATED FORTUNES FROM KICKBACKS ON ECONOMIC AID AND REPARATIONS PAYMENTS TO SK. ASAHI ALSO WROTE THAT COHEN HAD SAID GOJ "IS EVEN MORE CORRUPT" THAN USG. SATO REPORTEDLY HAS BRANDED CHARGES AS WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT, KISHI WAS DESCRIBED AS VERY ANNOYED BY "ATTACK," AND TANAKA SPOKESMAN SAID GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ALREADY HAS SENT COHEN LETTER DENYING ALLEGATIONS (CDN OCT 1).

5. AUSTRALIA

GOA CUT INTEREST RATES THURSDAY TO EASE CREDIT SQUEEZE AFTER DAY OF PANIC WHEN INVESTORS RUSHED TO WITHDRAW SAVINGS IN ADELAIDE AND SYDNEY, ACCORDING CHITRIB REPORT. REUTER (CANBERRA) REPORTS GOA, IN BATTLE

AGAINST INFLATION, WANTS HOUSEWIVES TO SWAP TRADITIONAL DINNER OF STEAK, EGG AND FRIES FOR INDIAN CURRIES AND OTHER ASIAN DISHES; HOW TO FEED FAMILY OF SIX ON ONE POUND OF MINCEMEAT COOKED INDONESIAN-STYLE IS AMONG GOVT RECOMMENDATIONS. VENTURE PROMPTED BY CURRENT INFLATION RATE OF 16 PERCENT AND FOLLOWS UN STATISTICS SHOWING SYDNEY IS MORE EXPENSIVE PLACE TO LIVE THAN NYC (CSM).

AP (SYDNEY) REPORTS AUSTRALIA IS CHIPPING AWAY AT "WHITES ONLY" POLICY TO EXTENT NOW OF EVEN PAYING FOR ASIAN BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS TO COME LIVE THERE, IF THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN CONTRIBUTE TO AUSSIE ECONOMY. BUT TOTAL NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR IS LIKELY TO KEEP DECLINING AS JOB VACANCIES IN AUSTRALIA GET SCARCER; AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WARN THAT NUMBER OF ASIANS MAY NOT INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY UNLESS TOTAL IMMIGRATION QUOTAS ARE LIFTED (CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. VIETNAM

WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON DESCRIBES ANTI-THIEU ACTIVITIES. REPORTS 15 POLITICIANS AND PROFS CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE TO DEMAND THIEU'S RESIGNATION, SAYING THAT HE "NO LONGER HAS THE ABILITY TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY." TWENTY-SIX LOWER HOUSE DEPUTIES OF PEOPLE'S SOCIAL BLOC ALSO CALLED FOR RESIGNATION. DECLARATION CALLING FOR "IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES" WAS ISSUED BY 85 LAWYERS, AND SAIGON PUBLISHERS ISSUED STATEMENT YESTERDAY THREATENING SHUT DOWN OF ALL DAILIES SHOULD THIEU FAIL TO CARRY OUT PROMISE TO REFORM CENSORSHIP LAWS.

CITES FATHER THANH, LEADER OF CATHOLIC ANTICORRUPTION MOVEMENT, THAT "WE COULD OVERTHROW PRESIDENT THIEU IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, BUT THAT WOULDN'T DO THE COUNTRY MUCH GOOD. WHAT WE REALLY WANT IS REFORM." IF THIEU WOULD ADMIT HIS MISTAKES AND TRULY FIGHT TO ERADICATE CORRUPTION, "THEN I DON'T THINK HE'D HAVE TO LEAVE OFFICE." MCCOMBS VIEWS THANH'S ATTITUDE AS BEING UNIQUE IN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE OPPOSITION CAMP, COMMENTING THAT THANH'S BOLD SERIES OF PUBLIC ATTACKS AGAINST THIEU HELPED ENERGIZE BROAD POLITICAL OPPOSITION MOVEMENT. SAYS OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THIEU MAY BE HESITANT TO MOVE STRONGLY AGAINST THE NEWLY ACTIVE OPPOSITION GROUPS OUT OF CONCERN FOR ITS IMPACT ON US DEBATE OVER

AID LEVELS.

CITES THANH AS SAYING IN INTERVIEW THAT HE REGARDS MOST OF THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT AS INTELLECTUALLY ABSTRACT AND LACKING MASS SUPPORT; THAT ONLY HIS MOVEMENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESS FREEDOM MOVEMENT HAVE POTENTIAL FOR TRUE MASS SUPPORT. EVEN SO, HE SAID, IT WILL BE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE HE ATTEMPTS TRULY MASS DEMONSTRATIONS.

THANH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MANY PRIESTS DISAGREE ABOUT GOING AFTER THIEU SO DIRECTLY, SAID FIRST LARGE ANTI-CORRUPTION MEETING IN SAIGON WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY IN FRONT OF RC CHURCH, WHERE HE PLANS TO READ "INDICTMENT NO. 1-B" AGAINST THIEU. SECOND, OR MASS, PHASE OF HIS CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE STREET MARCHES; THIRD, AND POSSIBLY VIOLENT, PHASE WOULD FOLLOW UNLESS THIEU REFORMS HIS CORRUPT GOVT. THANH CLAIMS STUDENTS, WORKERS AND DISABLED VETS TO BE HIS STRATEGIC RESERVES TO BE CALLED UPON IF NEEDED. MCCOMBS SAYS SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT THANH'S MOVEMENT WILL NEVER GET THAT FAR,

EITHER BECAUSE GOVT WOULD CRUSH IT FIRST, OR BECAUSE THANH DOESN'T HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR BROAD SUPPORT HE THINKS HE HAS. SOURCES SAY STUDENTS ARE THOROUGHLY INFILTRATED BY POLICE AND FEARFUL OF BEING DRAFTED; MAJOR LABOR UNION LEADERS ARE BEHOLDEN TO THIEU, AND DISABLED VETS ARE VULNERABLE TO DIRECT GOVT FINANCIAL SANCTIONS.

7. CHINA

BALTO COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT EMBRY, WHO MADE CHINA TRIP, WRITES TO BALTO N-A EDITOR (OCT 3). EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT N-A ARTICLE, BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH HIM, COULD BE MISINTERPRETED AS PRAISE FOR CHINESE SOCIETY. RECALLS THAT WHEN ASKED IF HE SAW ANYTHING POSITIVE DURING CHINA VISIT, HE POINTED OUT THAT STRONG MORAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS WAS OF SOME RELEVANCE. SAYS N-A EDITORIAL CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT THIS ASPECT OF CHINESE LIFE IS GREATLY OUTWEIGHED BY NEGATIVES OF TOTALITARIAN SOCIETY. EMBRY MAINTAINS THAT HE DID NOT PRAISE CHINESE SOCIETY AND THAT HIS TRIP CONVINCED HIM MORE THAN EVER OF THE BLESSINGS OF AMERICA'S FREE SOCIETY.

JOSEPH BELL IN LAS VEGAS INTERVIEWS SHIRLEY MACLAINE, WHO TELLS OF THE IMPACT OF HER CHINA TRIP THAT CHANGED UNCLASSIFIED

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HER LIFE. NOTES THAT WHILE PLAYING IN VEGAS, SHE WAS WRITING BOOK ON HER CHINA EXPERIENCE (TO BE PUBLISHED FEB AND TITLED, "YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE"), AND CUTTING AND EDITING 45 HOURS OF FILM SHE TOOK THERE FOR TV DOCUMENTARY (CSM).

CSM'S MURAKA, IN MOSCOW, SEES USSR DELIBERATELY GETTING ITSELF EMBROILED IN SINO-INDIAN DISPUTE OVER SIKKIM. KREMLIN HAS DENIED ANY COMPLICITY IN MATTER, BUT HAS VOICED APPROVAL OF INDIA'S MOVE. NEW DELHI ACTED BECAUSE SIKKIM PROVIDES SOME OF BEST ROUTES FOR ANY PRC MILITARY MARCH UPON INDIA. RESULT IS LIKELY DELAY IN ANY POSSIBLE CHINA-INDIAN RAPPROCHEMENT, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN VIEWED WITH NERVOUSNESS IN MOSCOW. PEKING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FEEL INCENSED BECAUSE INDIA'S GREATER HOLD OVER SIKKIM COULD ENCOURAGE TIBETAN RESISTANCE, WHILE ALSO FOILING LONG-TERM CHINESE DESIGNS FOR CONFEDERATION OF HIMALAYAN STATES. ANOTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCE WILL BE SEVERELY TO RESTRAIN HAK'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT SINO-INDIAN RECONCILIATION AT SOVIET EXPENSE.

MOSCOW'S INTEREST IN TIBET AND ADJACENT REGIONS IS DUE TO REPORTS CHINESE HAVE ESTABLISHED NUCLEAR TESTING GROUND IN TIBET AND HAVE 300,000 MEN IN TIBET WITH 75-115 MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES.

UNDATED CDN DISPATCH FROM HK (BALTO N-A OCT 3) CITES TOP DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS ATTRIBUTING COOLING SINO-US RELATIONS TO DECLINING PRC FEAR OF SOVIET ATTACK. WITH THIS FEAR SUBSIDING, PRC SEES NO NEED TO COURT THE US, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR CHINA'S MORE BUSINESS-LIKE ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICANS IN GENERAL, ALTHOUGH SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS REMAIN FROZEN.

DISPATCH ALSO REPORTS HK FACING ANOTHER INFLUX OF CHINESE FROM ACROSS THE BORDER; OVER 12,000 THIS YEAR. DESPITE STRICT COMMUNIST SECURITY MEASURES, NUMBER OF ILLEGAL ENTRANTS IS WELL AHEAD OF 1973.

8. JAPAN

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S-N (OCT 3) EDIT NOTES THAT THE MUTSU IS STILL AT SEA BECAUSE IT IS LEAKING RADIOACTIVITY; AND JAPANESE HATE AND FEAR THE POWER THAT LIES IN ATOM, HAVING EXPERIENCED

ITS HORRORS AT FIRST HAND. 4,000 FISHERMEN IN MUTSU'S HOME PREFECTURE MARCHED TO PROTEST ANY ATTEMPT TO BRING MUTSU BACK FOR REPAIRS; OTHER PORTS DECLARED THEMSELVES EQUALLY UNHOSPITABLE, AND THE SEAMEN'S UNION THREATENED TO PULL OFF THE CREW.

SPEAKING BY TELEPHONE TO JAPANESE EMBASSY "SCIENTIFIC PERSON", S-N LEARNED THAT STORIES THAT MUTSU'S REACTOR WAS LEAKING "WERE VERY MISLEADING...A LEAKING REACTOR IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM LEAKING RADIATION. IT IS NOT LEAKING ANYTHING. ANY REACTOR LEAKS RADIATION FROM THE CORE. WE CALL THAT 'RADIATION LEAKING.'"

S-N SAYS SUBJECT IS OVER ITS HEAD, URGES "COASTAL FOLK TO COOL IT" AND LET THE MUTSU IN SOMEWHERE.

9. GENERAL

CSM EXPRESSES VIEW THAT FORD HAS MADE SOME QUESTIONABLE CHOICES FOR AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS, NAMING BUSH, "AN OIL BUSINESSMAN WITH POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE BUT CERTAINLY NO AUTHORITY ON CHINA," AMONG THEM. CONCEDES THAT THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE CAN BE ENRICHED BY DRAWING IN MEN OF PROFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL STATURE, ADDING THAT THE SENATE MUST SEE TO IT THAT NON-CAREER APPOINTMENTS SERVE THE INTERESTS OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND NOT MERELY WH POLITICAL INTERESTS.

WP NOTES THAT FOREIGN AID BILL HAS BEEN SHELVED UNTIL

AFTER ELECTIONS, IF NOT UNTIL NEXT CONGRESS. SAYS OVERALL, DOLLARS INVOLVED ARE RELATIVELY FEW, BUT THEY FINANCE PROGRAMS WITH HIGH VISIBILITY AND POLITICAL SYMBOLISM - AID TO VN, WHICH CONGRESS IS DETERMINED TO CUT SUBSTANTIALLY, BEING GOOD EXAMPLE.

POST ATTRIBUTES LACK OF BASIC CONSENSUS ON FOREIGN AID TO DIFFERENCES IN FORD-HAK PERCEPTION ON ONE HAND, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT OF CONGRESS ON OTHER. FORMER START FROM PERCEPTION THAT AID IS ESSENTIAL TO SHORE UP DETERIORATING US GLOBAL POSITION, AND IT IS THIS LARGE RATIONALE WHICH INCLINES TO OFFER AID TO CLIENTS WHO, ON GROUNDS OF THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL MORAL OR POLITICAL WORTHINESS, MIGHT BE DENIED. THRUST OF CONGRESS IS TO GET US COMMITMENTS BACK IN LINE WITH US CAPABILITIES AND US VALUES. FROM WH, THE BASIC OUTLOOK IS BROAD AND STRATEGIC; FROM HILL, PARTICULAR AND DOMESTIC-POLITICAL.

WP THINKS THERE IS WAY TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES IF
ALTERNATIVES ARE CAREFULLY AND OPENLY DISCUSSED WITH
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